GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Community Colleges
Rajbhar Shri Hari Narayan

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

a) whether the seats of engineering colleges are not being filled completely and if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard;
(b) the total number of engineering colleges closed during the last three years and the reasons for such closure;
(c) the number of seats filled so far in the existing colleges;
(d) whether the Government is contemplating to close down those colleges where a large number of seats remained vacant during the last three years; and
(e) the number of pending proposals/ applications with University Grants Commssion (UGC) or All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) for opening of new engineering colleges in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) to(c): Yes, Madam. As against the total approved intake of 18,22,932 seats in undergraduate and postgraduate engineering courses, only 9,15,196 seats were filled during the academic year 2015-16. The filling up of seats is dependent on the supplydemand situation. In the last 3 years, (313) institutions have been permitted to be closed down on their request.
(d): No Madam. There is no provision in AICTE Act, 1987 for closing down of engineering colleges by the Government. However, the colleges, willing to close down can apply on the online portal of AICTE.
(e): There are no pending proposals with AICTE for granting approval.